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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, MTN  
SUBJECT: RULES OF ORIGIN

1. IT IS TIMELY FOR THE U.S. TO MAKE A FINAL MOVE ON  
RULES OF ORIGIN SINCE THIS ISSUE WILL BECOME A GROWING  
POINT OF DISSENSION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC IF WE  
MAKE NO PROGRESS ON RESOLVING IT IN THE TOKYO ROUND.

2. IN THE MEETINGS ON FRIDAY, MCDONALD EMPHASIZED TO  
DENMAN AGAIN THE INTENSE CONCERN IN THE U.S. ABOUT  
THIS ISSUE. AS REPORTED, THE EC RESPONSE WAS THAT  
RULES OF ORIGIN PER SE ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE BUT THEY  
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WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SOME SPECIAL CASES OF  
PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US.

3. ALTHOUGH CERTAINLY NOT CLOSING THE DOOR TO SOME  
SPECIFIC NEAR TERM RELIEF (E.G., TEXTILES), WE MUST  
ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE THIS AS A CONTINUING POINT OF  
INCREASING FRICTION AS IT CONCERNS TRADE BETWEEN THE

EC AND EFTA OR THE U.S. POSITION AS AN OEM SUPPLIER IN  
EUROPE WILL BE UNDER CONTINUING JEOPARDY.

4. MCDONALD WILL PURSUE THIS ISSUE AGAIN WITH DENMAN  
NEXT WEEK. IN THE MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS,  
INCLUDING TRADE-OFF POSSIBILITIES. IF NO SOLUTION IS  
IS FOUND, THE U.S. WILL HAVE NO OPTION SOON BUT TO BEGIN  
LAUNCHING A SERIES OF COUNTER RESTRICTIVE MEASURES UNTIL  
IN EFFECT WE CAN OBTAIN HARMONIZATION OF RULES OF ORIGIN,  
IDEALLY AT THE 50 PERCENT LEVEL WE HAVE REQUESTED AND  
THE ONE WE PRESENTLY FOLLOW IN THE U.S. MCDONALD

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